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SUBJ: PRESS SPECULATION ON "KISSINGER PLAN"

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1. GUNAYDIN ARTICLE REPORTING THAT DETAILS OF "KISSINGER PLAN" BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED IN ATHENS ABOUT DECEMBER 28 IS EXAGGERATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO DETAILED GREEK PRESS TALK FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OF ANY "KISSINGER PLAN" AND NEITHER UPI NOR AP IN ATHENS HAVE HEARD ANY RUMORS RECENTLY.

2. SECRETARY'S NAME IS, OF COURSE, CONTINUOUSLY LINKED IN PRESS TO ONGOING CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AND TO GREEK HOPES (OR FEARS) REGARDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. IN THIS REGARD, KATHIMERINI DECEMBER 31 CARRIED LEAD ARTICLE BASED ON YUGOSLAV TANJUG CORRESPONDENT IN NICOSIA WHICH VIEWED CURRENT CLERIDES/DENKTASH DISCUSSIONS AS PROCEEDING IN FAVORABLE CLIMATE WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS.

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THE YUGOSLAV SOURCE REPORTED THIS WAS BECAUSE OF

PRIOR AGREEMENT AT BRUSSELS AMONG ESENBEL, BITSIOS AND KISSINGER. ACCORDING TO STORY, CURRENT TALKS FOCUS ON STATUS OF NICOSIA AIRPORT AND FAMAGUSTA PORT. ONLY TERM POSED BY DENKTASH IS THAT FIVE PARTIES ENDORSE WHATEVER AGREEMENTS REACHED.

3. TO VIMA IN ITS DECEMBER 31 CYPRUS COVERAGE USES STORY FILED BY ITS CORRESPONDENT IN NICOSIA, REPORTING PREPARATIONS GOING ON FOR FUTURE TALKS TO FOCUS ON CANTONAL SOLUTION ALONG YUGOSLAV, OR SWISS, OR SOVIET MODELS.

4. FINALLY, ELEFTHEROS COSMOS TODAY PREDICTS THAT JANUARY WILL BRING NEW KISSINGER INITIATIVE FOR CANTON SOLUTION. STORY OMITTS ALL DETAILS OF GUNAYDIN STORY, HOWEVER, AND CLEARLY INSPIRED BY DEPARTURE AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD FOR CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON. IT MAY ALSO BE ECHO OF STORY IN CYPRIOT PAPER, ELEFTHEROS LAOS, WHICH REPRODUCED HERE SEVERAL DAYS AGO, AND WHICH SUGGESTED ADMINISTRATIVE SOLUTION WOULD BE ALONG LINE OF SEVERAL TURKISH CANTONS RATHER THAN ONE. KUBISCH

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